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SUBJ: MITSUBISHI BIDS ON GENERATOR FOR WHICH EXIMBANK FINANCING
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1. IN REFTEL EMBASSY REPORTED THAT OFFICIALS OF TWO JAPANESE FIRMS HERE STUDYING ELECTIRC POWER PROBLEMS WERE ALSO REPORTEDLY PUSHING THE SALE OF MITUBISHI GENERATORS. THE EMBASSY HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT, IN ADDITION TO OFFERING SMALLER GAS TURBINES, THE JAPANESE MIGHT ALSO BE COMPETING FOR THE 116 MEGAWATT (MW) GENERATOR KNOWN AS ISABELA 1 FOR WHICH EXIMBANK FINANCING WAS ARRANGED LAST NOVEMBER AND FOR WHICH GENERAL ELECTRIC BID LAST MAY. THE SPANIARDS HAVE ALSO BID FOR IT.

2. WHEN EMBOFFS WERE TODAY IN THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S ECONOMIC ADVISOR, CARLOS SELIMAN, THEY NOTICED ON THE LATTER'S DESK TWO THREE-INCH THICK VOLUMES NUMBERED ONE AND TWO AND LABELED IN ENGLISH, QUOTE MITSUBISHI - SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ISABELA 1 ELECTRIC POWER PLANT UNQUOTE. IT DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR VOLUMES WERE PRESENT FOR BENEFIT OF EMBOFFS, WHO WERE
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ACTUALLY NOT RPT NOT CALLING ON SELIMAN. THE EXISTENCE OF

THESE VOLUMES CONSTITUTES THE FIRST CONCRETE INFORMATION THAT MITSUBISHI IS ALSO COMPETING FOR THE FIRST OF WHAT WILL EVENTUALLY BE FOUR 116-MW GENERATORS AT THE ISABELA SITE.

3. SELIMAN AND THE PRESIDENT'S NEWLY-APPOINTED SCIENCE ADVISOR, DR RAFAEL GONZALEZ MASSENET, STATED THAT THEY THOUGHT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE WOULD BE MOVED FROM ISABELA BECAUSE OF AIR POLLUTION CONSEQUENCES FOR SANTO DOMINGO. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT GE'S BID FOR FIRST GENERATOR WAS HIGHER BECAUSE ISABELA'S SITE ENTAILED LEVELING OF HILL AND CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE, WHARF, AND CANAL; AND THAT GE'S BID FOR SECOND GENERATOR WAS DOLS 10 MILLION LESS, BECAUSE THIS CONSTRUCTION WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE TO BE REPEATED. SELIMAN REPLIED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THIS.

4. A FEW DAYS AGO CDE ADMINISTRATOR JULIO SAURI TOLD ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THAT SITE WULD NOT BE MOVED IN SPITE OF CRITICISM WHICH GONZALEZ MASSENET HAD MADE EVEN IN THE PRESS. SAURI SAID THAT US CONSULTING FIRM SEVERAL YEARS AGO PICKED OUT ISABELA SITE.

5. SELIMAN AND SAURI, HOWEVER, ARE IN AGREEMENT ON ONE THING, NAMELY, THAT CHANGING SITE AT THIS LATE DATE WOULD PROBABLY ENTAIL SEVERAL MORE MONTHS DELAY IN BRINGING MUCH NEEDED EXTRA ELECTRIC POWER TO A NATIONAL GRID WHICH IS ALREADY IN SERIOUS GENERATING DEFICIT.
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